

October 20, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Chief Dixon; Tim Martin – Myszak and Palmer; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; and Attorney Higgins.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of their previous meeting, and those of the Executive Session, and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the minutes both be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Attorney Higgins arrived at the meeting.

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he will be giving out four Letters of Commendation to Detective Rueger, Lt. Angel, and Officers Stalling and Lemberg. He explained the city had experienced numerous burglaries in late August, early September, and these officers did an excellent job in clearing up these cases. He added Officer Stallings volunteered for midnights, and Lt. Angel took a different shift as well in order for Det. Rueger to be on days for the investigations. He stated they cleared close to 30 cases. He then stated Officer Lemberg came out on his vacation to do some extra patrols, above and beyond the call of duty. Board member Fuelling asked if he had contacted the newspapers about this ?

Chief Beloit replied no, but he will.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating District 4 Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon General Baptist Church and hopefully Officer Krogman from EPD will be there as well. He then stated the annual Halloween Candy Give-Away will be October 31, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and they expect to hand out around 1,000 bags of candy. He concluded his report by stating he will have three officers leaving for training – Det. Rueger will attend investigation training with Deputy Latham and Prosecutor Clowers; Officer Reese will be attending Instructor Development School, which will help with the department's in-service training; and Officer Lemberg will be traveling to Owensboro for certification in radar/traffic instructor school. He asked that they all be given permission to take city vehicles as well as the city credit card.

Board member Higgins moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloit ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated this morning they wrapped up their blitz on fire education. He added they talked to around 450 kids during the blitz and everyone had a good time, good kids as well. He stated he feels they all learned a lot and he appreciated the opportunity to work with the kids.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he has surplus items he needs to get rid of, some he has been sitting on for over a year – incubators, an icebox, etc.

Mayor Tucker stated he needs to make of list of the items and the Board can then declare them surplus and they will then be removed from the inventory.

Supt. Givens asked if the list needs approved before he can get rid of them ?

Attorney Higgins replied yes.

Board member Fuelling asked that he check with Solid Waste Management Dir. Colbert on any computer disposal.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has a street cut permit from Hawthorne Animal Clinic for their new addition.

He added the work has already been done, and the cut was made for a sewer tap, standard procedure.

They have also already paid for the cut, which was made at 903 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Board acknowledged the permit and approved the cut and then signed off on the permit.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated she has an update on the BP Monitoring by Golars. She stated Mr. Narla, from Golars, was at their last meeting and he has sent documentation and the NPDES permit, but it is not in their name. It all appears fine, but it is old, from back in July. She added she will have Comm. Maynard and Supt. Givens look it over, but then Golars needs to sign the same agreement that the city had with American Environmental.

Attorney Higgins then stated Tim Martin from Myszak and Palmer, the design firm for The Landing is here. She stated the city will have a lease on the west side of the block for the new development and the “rush” to get that finalized is the November 1 application deadline. She added 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership has been verified as a 501(C) in good standing. She then stated there will be condos on the Water Street side and the city does not own that area. There will be tax credits needed as well as relocation of the Mt. Vernon Black Township Park & Recreation offices and staff. She stated the Park Board is ready to move forward with a lease with Hedges Central Elementary School for the new location of their department and according to Supt. John Tate, they should be up and running at the new location in late December, early January. She added construction on The Landing should begin at the very end of 2012. She asked if there were any questions?

Board member Fuelling stated he has questions that he knows the answers to, but would like to have them verified for the record: is this project government housing ?

Mr. Martin replied no, it will not be controlled by the federal government.

Board member Fuelling asked about bids: why weren't local developers asked to bid ?

Mr. Martin replied this whole thing came out of a discussion that was had during Phase II, it came up then.

Board member Fuelling then asked again about the bidding.

Mr. Martin replied no contractors have been procured yet. Once the tax credits are awarded, there will be a design and then they will go out for bids, with hopefully local bidders, they PREFER local bidders.

Attorney Higgins stated she has been asked several times if the city will be responsible for the demolition of the armory ? She continued by stating it will be the developer that has that responsibility, there will be no cost to the city for that demolition.

Board member Higgins stated she has been asked about parking.

Mr. Martin stated they have taken that into consideration yes, but they are also in discussions with other property owners in the area for even more parking.

Attorney Higgins stated a public hearing was held on the project for the Board of Zoning Appeals, and there were no remonstrances filed prior to the meeting – there was one question during the hearing, and other favorable comments.

Board member Fuelling stated he has been asked about Council involvement in the project, and he indicated the Council was not involved because it is a private company coming in and developing a project. It is like any other business that chooses to come to Mt. Vernon to do business.

Attorney Higgins agreed and added the zoning was already in place, they don't need money, there will be no tax abatements or tax phase ins, so there was no Council approval required.

Board member Fuelling asked if everything for this project has been done in the appropriate order ?

Meaning, are they following an exact procedure ?

Attorney Higgins replied there is no "exact" procedure. She stated generally speaking, in good business the area is secured, then the zoning is addressed.

Mr. Martin stated the application is due November 1 – there is only one round per year, if they do not make this deadline, they will have to wait until this time next year.

Attorney Higgins added they would then also be subject to appropriations, etc.

Board member Fuelling thanked them for clearing things up.

Mayor Tucker stated he is thrilled that someone wants to invest \$7.9M and not have it cost the city a thing. This development will add to the city's assessed value, plus it will be huge for the downtown.

Mr. Martin added they will not be asking the city for cash funds, and they have tailored the application to score as high as they possibly can.

Attorney Higgins added in their most recent audits they have received "excellence" awards for these types of projects – this is a quality group.

Mr. Martin added the tenants of The Landing all have to have income and be able to pay the rent.

Attorney Higgins further added all rents are the same – standard – depending on how many bedrooms.

Board member Fuelling moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign any documents associated with the project and the application. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.  
Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.  
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer